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GST-FREE IS BACK

SHOPPERS 'LAY WAIT' DEC 6-7

Cities, Town, Villages, and Homes Light up Christmas with Purchasing Power in Full Display

GST-FREE
Weekend
December 6 - 7 and 20 - 21, 2025
9 AM to 4 PM
SAVE UP TO 50% OFF
+ PAY NO GST 12.5%
20% - 40% OFF + No GST 12.5%
15% OFF + No GST 12.5%
10% OFF + No GST 12.5%
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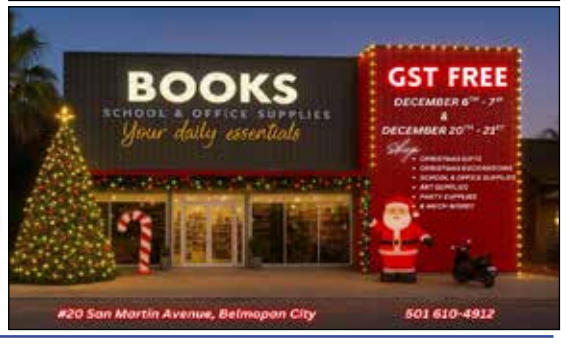

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Lee Mark come on mein this is just wrong. There was no attack on you.
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
I already learn what she can do
Ask Gabriel what ketchup him
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
I already learn what she can do
Do u know of this?
~ Evalee Skeen-Engleton +501 613 5903
@~Leemark this is really sad because i was not only saying really to you and to see how you came at me was surprising. But you should also let the people know that I was also there for you before you became a STANDARD BEARER. I stayed her so many night working to insure I helped you. this

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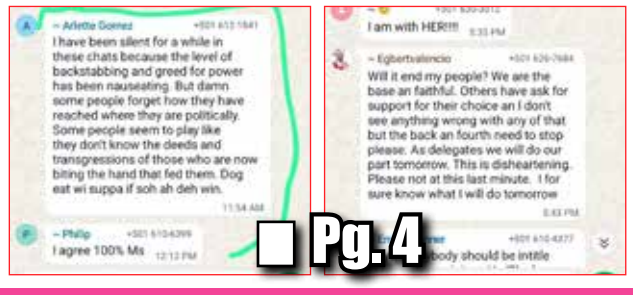
~ Arlette Gomez +501 613 1641
I have been silent for a while in these chats because the level of backstabbing and greed for power has been nauseating. But damn some people forget how they have reached where they are politically. Some people seem to play like they don't know the deeds and transgressions of those who are now biting the hand that fed them. Dog eat wi suppa if soh ah deh win.
~ Philip +501 610-6399
I agree 100% Ms
I am with HER!!!!
~ Egbertvalencio +501 626-7684
Will it end my people? We are the base an faithful. Others have ask for support for their choice an I don't see anything wrong with any of that but the back an fourth need to stop please. As delegates we will do our part tomorrow. This is disheartening. Please not at this last minute. I for sure know what I will do tomorrow

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16 Days of Activism - Prevent to Protect: Ending Gender-Based Violence Begins with Us

GST-FREE IS BACK

SHOPPERS 'LAY WAIT' DEC 6-7

December 2025 – In the third instalment of GST-Free Weekends, the Government of Belize seeks to gift the people in the joyously celebrated Christmas time. Belizeans are yearly aware that the brighter and more plentiful the Christmas light and decorations the greater the celebratory mood. Additionally, consumers get to pinch off the cost of living which rose due to international issue. Even as prices and the rate of inflation have stabilized, the usual economic reality is that prices going back down is easier said than done. Business and Government in this instance can offer discounts and additional free services to give back and essentially help consumers 'stretch dem dalla'. GST-free weekends are here this 6-7 and 20-21.

Once again this Christmas 2025. the GoB's relentless, aggressive strategy to alleviate the cost-of-living involves waiving the 12.5 per cent of the General Sales Tax on local retail sales of all standard-rated goods. During these weekends, Belizeans and tourists can shop at GST-registered stores nationwide to receive the tax discount. The exceptions, and thus still under the 12.5 regime, are motor vehicles, fuel, firearms, alcohol and services. Imported goods will still incur GST, and the waiver applies only to immediate purchases—not items bought on credit, layaway, or wholesale.

To maximize transparency, shoppers are urged to review receipts for proper GST application and report discrepancies to the Belize Tax Services Department. Applicable stores are ready with cash registers reprogrammed to comply with these GST-free sales. The government has emphasized that this move supports households while boosting businesses at the same time.

For the entire month of December, hams, and imported turkeys, staples of Belizean Christmas are already zero-rated.

For context: the following is a list of smaller but massively important initiatives that have been implemented in combatting the cost of living:

$5 Minimum Wage soon up to $6

8.5 per cent raise for teachers and public servants

Raise in Subsidy for UB

Financial Aid to Students

Free Education at 23 Schools/12,000 Students: Tuition, books, devices, uniform, meals, transport

Raising Income Tax Threshold for thousands

Price Barrack Commissary for Police, BDF, & Coast Guard

Healthy Start Meals reach 15,000 Students Daily

Back to School – NO GST Weekends

Enforcement of price gouging laws

Issuing tickets to businesses that violate the rules

Expansion of the list of controlled goods

Exemption from GST and Customs Duties on feminine hygiene products

Passing on Savings on Fuels

Public Hospitals are Free

NHI Increases Health Care Access

People's Boledo proceeds for Health care & Sports

Access to Housing and Land decreases the need for rent

MSME Tax Amnesty

Municipalities offering discount on property taxes

These initiatives denote planBelize in action as Government provides impactful relief to combat inflation to lower the cost of living while supporting local businesses and economy.

ATTENTION PLEASE!
TAX FREE
WEEKENDS ARE BACK!
Shop and save on:
Dec 6th, 7th, 20th & 21st
Enjoy NO GST on your purchases!
Better deals. Bigger savings.
Don't miss out!
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
WHIPN ICE
CAKES BY KARLA TAX FREE WEEKENDS
DECEMBER 6-7 & 20-21
General Sales Tax (GST) will be waivered on all cakes and cake supplies.
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS CHOOSING CAKES BY KARLA & TPC ONLINE

OPM - Ministry of Investment Training Launch

Essential Higher Tier Global Digital Services Skills

The Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment, through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), launched the "Pilot Project for Higher Tier Global Digital Services from Belize" at the Belize Institute of Management on November 28, 2025. This initiative is a collaboration between the Government of Belize and the consortium, which includes Chamberlain Consulting, Socias Ltd., and Rhics Ltd. Funding for the project was provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

The project initially offered 50 spaces to young Belizeans nationwide, but the consortium extended the course offer to 50 additional participants. The training, which began on November 12 and is scheduled to finish on December 19, consists of a hybrid format, with weekly virtual sessions and a five-day face-to-face bootcamp delivered via a Learning Management System. Training in these skills is essential to succeed in the Global Digital Services environment and aims to improve the BPO sector employees, as well as other individuals interested in participating. This will enable the BPOs and other local businesses to provide higher-value services to the global market. These courses are being offered free of cost and were designed to be up to date and highly relevant to the changing industry conditions.

The objective is to develop and implement an integral training strategy that maximizes the potential of Tier 1 services offered by BPOs and facilitates the transition to more specialized tiers, including: Cloud Engineering | Cybersecurity | Data analytics and Reporting | IT Helpdesk Support & CRM Integration/Management | AI Readiness | Web Design and Development | Agile and Scrum Project Management | Digital marketing.

Present at the project launch were Lincoln Blake, Director, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit; Dr. Dionne Chamberlain Miranda, Chamberlain Consulting; Christian Junior, Rhics Ltd.; Sonia Ceballos, Socias Ltd.; Dr. Sylvia Cattouse, Galen University; IADB representatives; and other representatives from the private sector, Government, and academia. (release)

Ministry Launch

E-Governance Digital Workspace

December 2, 2025 - The Ministry of E-Governance within the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation and E-Governance, is pleased to announce the launch of the Digital Workspace, a modern intranet platform designed to transform how the Ministry manages information, communicates internally, and coordinates digital transformation activities. This initiative marks a significant milestone in the Government of Belize's ongoing efforts to modernize public administration

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS 2025: UNEMPLOYMENT AND AFFORDABILITY

In December 2025, Belizeans can boast a 2.1 per cent unemployment rate and a 0.9 per cent inflation rate, according to the September report. Economically, this means that just about everyone who wishes to work can find a job. The 2.1 per cent is approaching what, statistically, cannot occur in an economy: zero per cent. Today, Belize is in the throes of development. Yet it is thriving smoothly, with a labour force aligned with what is desirable for our free country. Basic economic knowledge holds that a healthy economy is dynamic, with a certain level of unemployment necessary for growth and efficiency. Take, for example, the BPO sector and the construction sector, and think about your family or friends who work in one of those. There is plenty of short- and medium-term unemployment due to voluntary job transitions, graduates entering the workforce for the first time, and many re-entering the workforce after a break. The labour market is a fluid system, and it usually takes an indeterminate amount of time to match workers with the right jobs. With the onset of new hospitals, river bridges, a sugar refinery, a flour mill, and greater agricultural diversity, there are myriad challenges in matching workers' skills with employers' needs, often due to technological advancements. A minimal but still significant factor in the 2.1 per cent is that people move within Belize for diverse reasons. So time spent between jobs, personal health issues, or choosing not to work for various reasons, like caring for family and other commitments, will contribute to the unemployment rate. Belize is economically reviving in powerful silence and growing.

Reports of employers offering employment bonuses, meal allowances, day care, aggressive recruitment, competitive wages and salaries, and other perks definitely bode well for an economy that is wooing increased and diverse trade within the region. The annual chatter of students graduating and 'no job no deh' is on hold for a few years now. Despite the statistical success, Prime Minister John Briceño is not raising any 'mission accomplished' banner. His centrepiece aim is the eradication of poverty. Call it multidimensional, abject, or any other way you like, poverty in Belize is the social vice in the crosshairs of planBelize 2.0. Poverty is trending downwards, but there is much more to do. When the People's United Party alludes to increasing access to education, jobs, land, housing, and health, the primary intent is to lift people out of poverty. With the 2020 mandate at the height of Covid's threat to existence, Belize's Prime Minister and team were intent on fixing the economy as the only path to ensuring that 'everybody can win' a life beyond poverty. Today, 2025, Belizeans are affording a better life, yet tomorrow, there is an expectation of an even better one. The PUP's service continues endlessly.

More sustained economic success is still hindered by the UDP, who wish to return Belize to the corruption and incompetence that reigned in 2008-2020. The reality of greater affordability is not reflected in the nightly belch of anger from news manufacturers. It doesn't show either from the social media comment bots programmed to unleash hate on Belizean progress. Every week, this newspaper highlights progress in Belize, and there is much to be proud of. This positivity is never seen on the six pm anti-Belize diatribes masked as news. Economically speaking, this is important because investor confidence is fragile and often tied to news about the country. Regardless of the vitriol, Belize is moving ahead.

On Christmas 2025, your planBelize government can afford to provide two GST-free weekends, which would increase affordability and thus the purchasing power of more people. Items that cost more than a few years ago are still within the affordable range for more people. The success of the GST-free weekends at Christmas time 2024 had both business and consumers clamouring for an encore. To the political vultures, stop insulting your viewers with misinformation on the government. They watch you to get accurate information. So while the planBelize government relentlessly makes life-changing achievements like: energy independence; agricultural diversification; investments in Belize as a destination; MSME success; BPO expansion; Boledo for NHI; Digitization and digitalization; deep inroads into manufacturing like cement, and flour; a flourishing Orange Economy; increased access to health care, education, land and housing; and more, the Briceño administration is already planning on the next step.

Fact: the broad majority of Belizeans who vouched for PUP's performance just eight months ago nationally and just four months ago in the villages, in separate national elections, are now consumers during the pre-Christmas weekend, enjoying the fruits of a Belize working for them. Belizeans are savouring real prosperity. We invite everyone to join in building Belize, as there is always another level.

May our wishes on these Holidays come true today and into 2026.

en Español

NAVIDAD DE 2025: DESEMPLEO Y ASEQUIBILIDAD

En diciembre de 2025, los beliceños podrán presumir de una tasa de desempleo del 2,1 % y de una tasa de inflación del 0,9 %, según el informe de septiembre. Desde el punto de vista económico, esto significa que casi todas las personas que desean trabajar pueden encontrar empleo. El 2,1 % se acerca a lo que, estadísticamente, no puede ocurrir en una economía: un 0 %. Hoy en día, Belice se encuentra en plena fase de desarrollo. Sin embargo, está prosperando sin problemas, con una población activa acorde con lo deseable para nuestro país libre. Los conocimientos económicos básicos sostienen que una economía sana es dinámica, con un cierto nivel de desempleo necesario para el crecimiento y la eficiencia. Tomemos, por ejemplo, el sector de la externalización de procesos empresariales (BPO) y el de la construcción, y pensemos en nuestros familiares o amigos que trabajan en uno de ellos. Hay mucho desempleo a corto y medio plazo debido a las transiciones laborales voluntarias, a los graduados que se incorporan por primera vez al mercado laboral y a los muchos que se reincorporan tras una pausa. El mercado laboral es un sistema fluido y, por lo general, requiere un tiempo indefinido para emparejar a los trabajadores con los puestos de trabajo adecuados. Con la aparición de nuevos hospitales, puentes sobre ríos, una refinería de azúcar, un molino harinero y una mayor diversidad agrícola, existen innumerables retos para alinear las habilidades de los trabajadores con las necesidades de los empleadores, a menudo debido a los avances tecnológicos. Un factor mínimo, pero aun así significativo, es que el 2,1 % se desplaza dentro de Belice por diversas razones. Por lo tanto, el tiempo que pasa entre un empleo y otro, los problemas de salud personal o la decisión de no trabajar por diversas razones, como el cuidado de la familia y otros compromisos, contribuirán a la tasa de desempleo. Belice está reviviendo económicamente en un silencio poderoso y creciendo.

Los informes sobre empleadores que ofrecen bonificaciones por empleo, subsidios para alimentos, guarderías, contratación agresiva, salarios competitivos y otras ventajas son, sin duda, un buen augurio para una economía que está cortejando un comercio mayor y más diverso en la región. Las conversaciones anuales con los estudiantes que se gradúan y el «no hay trabajo» están en suspenso desde hace unos años. A pesar del éxito estadístico, el primer ministro John Briceño no está levantando ninguna bandera de «misión cumplida». Su objetivo principal es erradicar la pobreza. Llámese multidimensional, abyecta o como se quiera, la pobreza en Belice es el vicio social en el punto de mira del PlanBelice 2.0. La pobreza tiende a disminuir, pero aún queda mucho por hacer. Cuando el Partido Unido del Pueblo alude a aumentar el acceso a la educación, el empleo, la tierra, la vivienda y la salud, su intención principal es sacar a la gente de la pobreza. Con el mandato de 2020 en pleno apogeo de la amenaza del COVID para la existencia, el primer ministro de Belice y su equipo se propusieron arreglar la economía como la única vía para garantizar que «todos puedan ganar» una vida más allá de la pobreza. Hoy, en 2025, los beliceños se permiten una vida mejor, pero mañana se espera una vida aún mejor. El servicio del PUP continúa sin cesar.

El éxito económico más sostenido sigue viéndose obstaculizado por el UDP, que desea devolver a Belice a la corrupción y la incompetencia que reinaron entre 2008 y 2020. La realidad de una mayor asequibilidad no se refleja en los estallidos nocturnos de ira de los fabricantes de noticias. Tampoco se refleja en los bots de comentarios de las redes sociales programados para desatar el odio contra el progreso de Belice. Cada semana, este periódico destaca los avances en Belice y hay mucho de lo que estar orgullosos. Esta positividad nunca se ve en las diatribas contra Belice de las seis de la tarde, disfrazadas de noticias. Desde el punto de vista económico, esto es importante porque la confianza de los inversores es frágil y a menudo está vinculada a las noticias sobre el país. A pesar de las críticas, Belice sigue avanzando.

En la Navidad de 2025, tu Gobierno de PlanBelice puede permitirse ofrecer dos fines de semana sin GST, lo que aumentaría la asequibilidad y, por tanto, el poder adquisitivo de más personas. Los artículos que cuestan más que hace unos años siguen al alcance de más personas. El éxito de los fines de semana sin GST durante la Navidad de 2024 llevó tanto a las empresas como a los consumidores a pedir una repetición. A los buitres políticos, dejen de insultar a sus espectadores con información errónea sobre el gobierno. Ellos los ven para obtener información precisa. Así que, mientras el Gobierno de Belice sigue logrando implacablemente avances que cambian la vida, como la independencia energética, la diversificación agrícola, las inversiones en Belice como destino, el éxito de las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas, la expansión de la externalización de procesos empresariales, el Boledo para el NHI, la digitalización, la profunda incursión en la fabricación de cemento y harina, una floreciente economía naranja, un mayor acceso a la sanidad, la educación, la tierra y la vivienda, y mucho más, la administración Briceño ya está planeando el paso siguiente .

Es un hecho: la gran mayoría de los beliceños que respaldaron el desempeño del PUP hace solo ocho meses a nivel nacional y hace solo cuatro meses en las aldeas, en elecciones nacionales separadas, ahora son consumidores durante el fin de semana previo a la Navidad y disfrutan de los frutos de un Belice que trabaja para ellos. Los beliceños están saboreando la verdadera prosperidad. Invitamos a todos a unirse a la construcción de Belice, ya que siempre hay otro nivel.

Que nuestros deseos en estas fiestas se hagan realidad hoy y en 2026.

PUP 75 EXHIBIT ARRIVES IN DANGRIGA

Open on December 4th to December 12th

The PUP @ 75 Exhibition, themed "Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution," opened in Dangriga on December 3rd, bringing the historic showcase of the People's United Party's 75-year journey to the Stann Creek District. The exhibit is located on St. Vincent Street, in front of the old Habet Hardware Store, where residents gathered for the official launch of the PUP's 75th anniversary, displaying what the party has given over the years.

The travelling exhibit, which began its national tour in September to mark the 75th year of Serving the People, highlights the party's evolution, milestones, and its role in shaping modern Belize. As part of the celebration, it also honors the legacy of past and present leaders, reflecting on the values and vision that guided Belize to nationhood.

The exhibition will remain open in Dangriga from December 4th to December 12th, operating Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. It will be closed on weekends. Teachers across the district are encouraged, in partnership with NICH, to bring students for an educational and historical experience that connects classroom learning with Belize's political and cultural development.

Dangriga is the latest stop in the national tour, which has already visited Orange Walk, Corozal, San Ignacio/Santa Elena, Belmopan, and Benque Viejo. Each stop has drawn strong community interest, offering Belizeans a chance to reflect on the party's contributions and its continued commitment to national progress.

The next destination for the PUP @ 75 traveling exhibition is Peini, Punta Gorda, where it will open on December 17th, 2025. The tour continues to serve as both a celebration of history and a reminder of the enduring movement to build a better Belize.

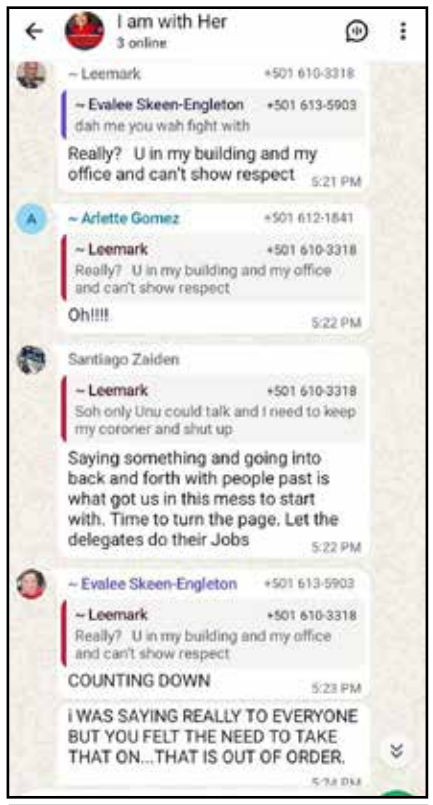
UDP CORRUPTS WHATSAPP

Group Chat Turns Turmoil

As has been the case from their birth in the 70s, the UDP corrupts any and everything. They managed to corrupt what it means to be an Opposition Party and in the process lost support as usually 3rd parties or independents were routinely beating them in General and village council elections. But agree, the divided and destructive remnants of the UDP post-Barrow are like malignant tumours and virulent to the core. They may remind you of hungry and rabid creatures when locked up in a small cell with food tossed into the middle. Countless videos have shown them hurling objects and 'cus wuds' not worthy of being repeated. Shyne was never the problem; he was just part of the problem. The problem with the UDP is engrained into the UDP DNA. They are made up of people who are born to be rebels without a cause and legends only in their own minds. Every now and again they remember and mention Belize and Belizeans in their tirades. More often than not UDP's have uttered Freudian slips and shouted "PUP all the Way" and "Problem is the UDP" and "UDP in the Abyss".

The latest chapter in their cheap soap is a flurry of messages in a UDP group chat that has been described by reports as "turmoil." The new chairperson of the UDP in an interview alluded to no turmoil as she most likely saw normalcy in all the vitriol spewed within WhatsApp. Pitts must be used to all this violent-like talk as Faber is her backer from way back. Reports are Faber as Minister of Education supported many thousands of our money to pay for Pitt's education abroad. But did she get the funds? With that being the case, we would understand him parting ways with Roosevelt Blades who had partnered with Faber in a land scandal and some pastors that would be gifted lands acquired in the 11:59th hour before election 2020. If Faber supports a woman and the support is accepted, then one is accepting his misogyny. There is no surprise there, as the UDP is definitely anti-women.

How then could Tracy rise to leader? She has been placed as caretaker of a remnant group that has no future in sight. Word is that a few men are being groomed for the position as they wait for Tracy to implode. Problem is that all the names heard are as incompetent as Tracy but the UDP prefers a man. Right Shyne?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dah me you wah fight with
Really? U in my building and my office and can't show respect
5:21 PM
~ Arlette Gomez +501 612-1841
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
Really? U in my building and my office and can't show respect
Oh!!!!
5:22 PM
Santiago Zaiden
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
Soh only Unu could talk and I need to keep my coroner and shut up
Saying something and going into back and forth with people past is what got us in this mess to start with. Time to turn the page. Let the delegates do their Jobs
5:22 PM
~ Evalee Skeen-Engleton +501 613-5903
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
Really? U in my building and my office and can't show respect
COUNTING DOWN
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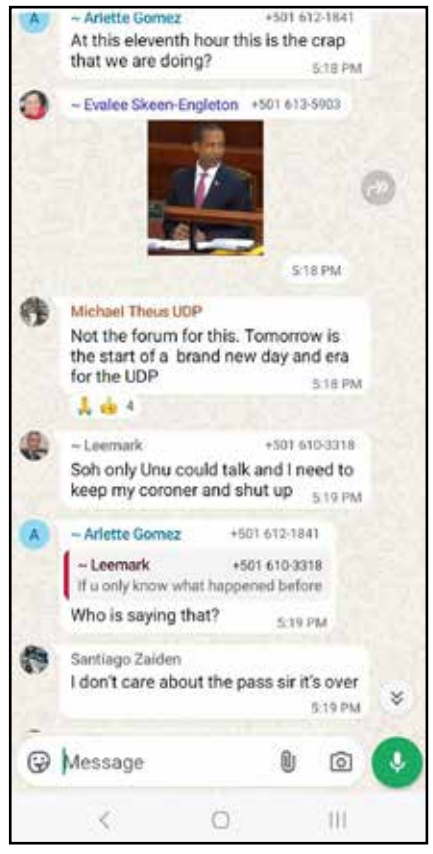
I WAS SAYING REALLY TO EVERYONE BUT YOU FELT THE NEED TO TAKE THAT ON...THAT IS OUT OF ORDER.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At this eleventh hour this is the crap that we are doing?
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~ Evalee Skeen-Engleton +501 613-5903
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Michael Theus UDP
Not the forum for this. Tomorrow is the start of a brand new day and era for the UDP
5:18 PM
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
Soh only Unu could talk and I need to keep my coroner and shut up
5:19 PM
~ Arlette Gomez +501 612-1841
~ Leemark +501 610-3318
If u only know what happened before
Who is saying that?
5:19 PM
Santiago Zaiden
I don't care about the pass sir it's over
5:19 PM
Message

E-Governance Digital Workspace

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and strengthen the foundation for digitizing government services.

The Digital Workspace serves as the Ministry's central internal hub, integrating tools and resources into one secure and user-friendly platform. Through seamless SharePoint integration, the system provides real-time ministry updates, an interactive staff directory, a unified calendar, access to frequently used applications, and a powerful search function that retrieves documents across multiple ministry sites. These features are designed to improve efficiency, reduce administrative delays, and support a more informed and connected workforce.

While the platform is primarily structured for internal use, the Ministry has incorporated forward-looking features to support broader government digitization goals. Notably, the system includes a dedicated E-Governance Dashboard, which will be made accessible to line ministries connected to the CITO network. Through this dashboard, ministries will be able to submit project request forms for digital, ICT, and communication-related support directly to the Ministry of E-Governance. This new function is expected to go live as early as January 2026, representing a key step toward establishing a unified, efficient, and transparent mechanism for inter-ministerial collaboration.

The Digital Workspace also emphasizes enterprise-level security through Azure Active Directory authentication, role-based permissions, and data protection features that ensure government information is handled safely and responsibly. Its responsive design allows authorized staff to access the platform securely, whether in the office or working remotely, strengthening continuity of operations.

As the first pilot under the Ministry's broader digitalization strategy, the Digital Workspace sets the foundation for how government ministries can streamline processes, adopt modern digital workflows, and prepare for service digitization in alignment with national priorities. This initiative underscores the Ministry of E-Governance's commitment to leadership, innovation, and building a strong framework for digital public service in Belize. (release)

The Convergent Road of the UDP:

Ghosts, Echoes, and the Weight of History, A Party at War with Its Own Shadow

By Ricardo Moguel

On the other side of history, political parties are not defined only by their manifestos or their rallies, they are defined by the memories they imprint upon a nation's consciousness. Political renewal is never just a march forward, it is a living spirit, carrying the breath of the past, the bones of their choices, and the shadows of the promises they once made, it is a confrontation with the ghosts that trail behind

The UDP are to gather themselves into the shape of a government-in-waiting. But unity built on fractured ground trembles easily. For even as they march forward, their legacy walks behind them, whispering reminders of days when the red flag flew high but the people's faith fell low.

And today, the UDP walks a convergent road where their past, present, and future collide like tectonic plates beneath Belize's political landscape. They seek unity, they seek redemption, they seek power once more. But the ghosts that haunt them do not retreat simply because the party declares a new beginning.

The UDP stands on a convergent path where ambition meets memory and where the past refuses to loosen its grip. They are attempting to unite, to stitch themselves back into a credible force capable of regaining power. But unity cannot be declared into existence. It must be earned. And the UDP's challenge is that the battlefield is not only external, it is internal, ideological, and historical.

Their legacy, though mixed with achievements, is also tattooed with over a decade of deep wounds that the nation still carries. Belizeans have not forgotten the corruption scandals that scattered public trust like broken glass across the political landscape. The party's years in power became synonymous with a culture of impunity, unchecked spending, questionable contracts, phantom companies, and a systematic weakening of institutional watchdogs. The Office of the Auditor General chronicled the decay. The

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HON. THEA GARCIA-RAMIREZ SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

December 3 – "If you ever need a reminder of what pure, honest joy feels like… spend a day with children during Christmas Season.

Today, my heart was overflowing as I visited Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Paul's Anglican, Kiddy Kinder Garden, St. Francis Xavier, and Nazarene School spreading gifts, treats, and holiday magic alongside Santa and Brainy Smurf.

Their smiles, their hugs, the excitement in their voices… those moments stay with you. They remind us why community, kindness, and love matter so deeply.

We're not done yet! Our Christmas tour continues this Friday December 5. More schools, more smiles, more hearts to touch." – Hon. Thea from Corozal Bay

The Convergent Road of the UDP:

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Senate Inquiry exposed it layer by layer; the Integrity Commission lay dormant for 8 years. And the public watched it all unfold in real time.

Their legacy remains a double-edged machete. History walks beside them like a stubborn shadow they cannot outrun.

Yes, the UDP has chapters of development, infrastructure, and modernization. But intertwined with these are the darker knots, episodes of corruption, abuses of discretion, and institutional decay that have become synonymous with their last years in office. Belizeans do not forget easily, not in this age where archives live forever on Facebook Live, Senate Inquiry recordings, leaked documents, and the collective digital memory of a nation.

Today's UDP is led by figures who struggle to rise under the burden of inherited reputational debt. Their leadership struggles under the bruised weight of personalities, ambition, fragmentation, internal feuds and the quiet but persistent murmurs of those who lost trust. It still carries the scent of yesterday's storms and swollen egos. The party's internal divisions, generational divide, old guard versus new blood, populists versus reformists, personalities versus principles, continue to sap their momentum. Leadership contests become proxy wars over which version of the UDP should rise from the ashes, but none can fully escape the gravitational pull of the past. Around them loom the old corrupt ghosts, those specters the nation has not forgotten, even when individuals pretend to.

The old power blocs still exert gravitational pull, resisting new voices while clinging to remnants of influence. Meanwhile, emerging leaders fight to distance themselves from the sins of their predecessors, yet cannot detach completely, for the party structure itself is built on the layers of that same history.

This creates a leadership paradox: How does one rebuild a house when the foundation itself has cracks spreading beneath every pillar? (tbc)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

IDB

MONITORING & EVALUATION OFFICER

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize
Process ID: BL-L1040 -P00040
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline: **January 16, 2025; 9:30 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (EXTENSION)**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Project**: "**Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **"Monitoring & Evaluation Officer".**

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:
Sandeep Betancourt
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (BL-L1040)** – Your name

NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of **Toledo Enterprises Limited** (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under
the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

The Company intends to develop and expand its port facilities in Big Creek, Independence. Located #3 Port Road, Big Creek Stann Creek District.

Any person who desires to object to the granting of a fiscal incentive, may submit a letter of objection, not more than seven days after the date of the second publication of the Notice of Application for the Fiscal Incentive.

The letter of objection shall be in writing and include any evidence in support of any claims made addressed to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before December 4th, 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

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The Company intends to expand storage and milling capacity to enhance the country's food security, increasing employment, and incorporated environmentally friendly practices for energy- efficient machinery located 1 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize District, catering to the tourism industry.

Any person who desires to object to the granting of a fiscal incentive, may submit a letter of objection, not more than seven days after the date of the second publication of the Notice of Application for the Fiscal Incentive.

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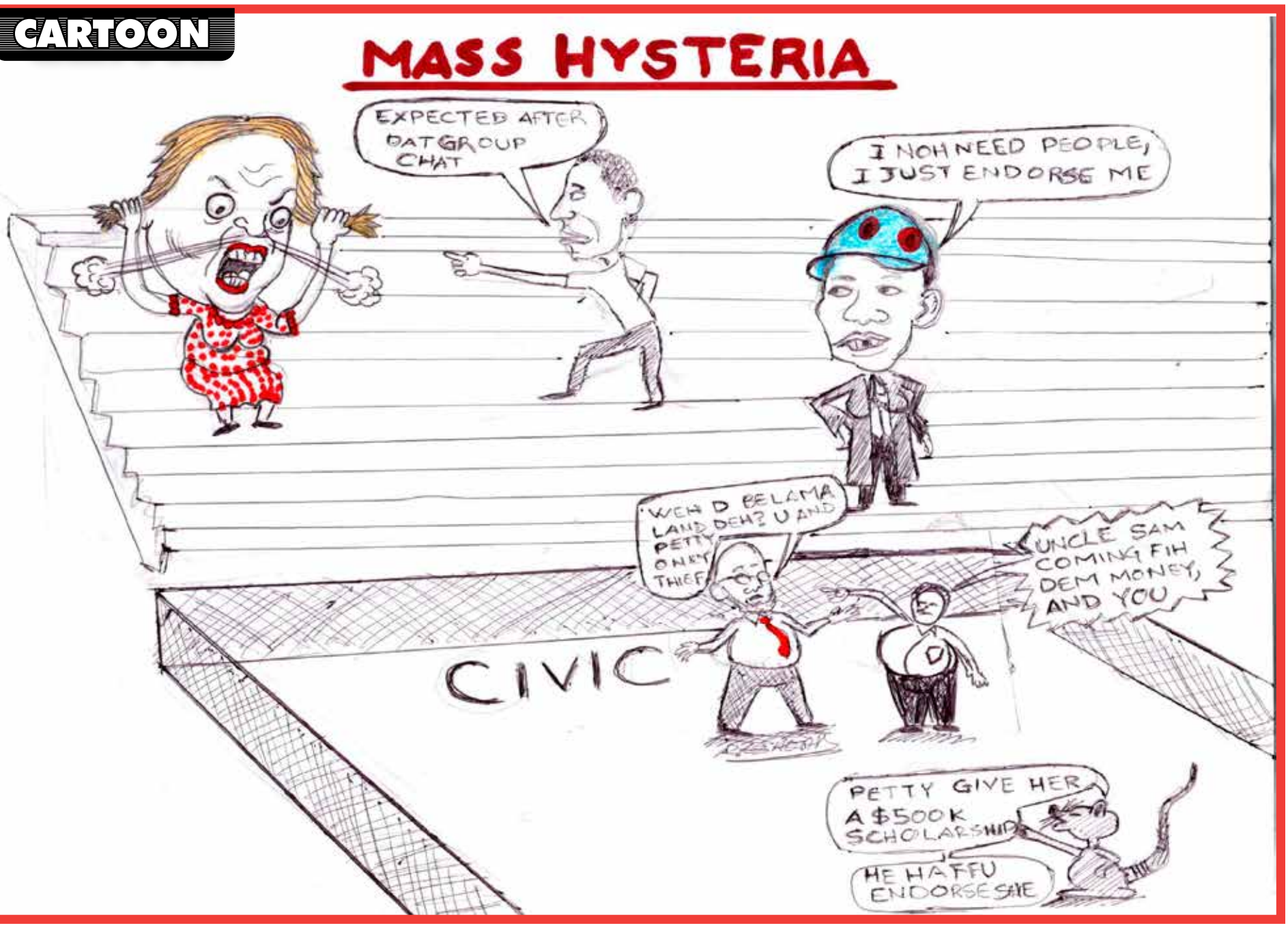
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EXPECTED AFTER DAT GROUP CHAT
I NOH NEED PEOPLE, I JUST ENDORSE ME
WEN D BELAMA LAND DEH? U AND PETTY ONLY THIEF
UNCLE SAM COMING FIH DEM MONEY, AND YOU
CIVIC
PETTY GIVE HER A $500K SCHOLARSHIP
HE HAFFU ENDORSE SHE

MOHW HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING OF NATIONAL NCD COMMITTEE

December 4, 2025The Ministry of Health and Wellness hosted the inaugural meeting of the National Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Committee earlier this week, marking a major milestone in the country's commitment to reducing the burden of NCDs and improving the health and well-being of all citizens. The meeting brought together representatives from a wide range of sectors and stakeholder groups dedicated to strengthening the national NCD response.

The newly established committee brings together a multi-sectoral team of leaders that will guide and coordinate a national, whole-of-society response to prevent and control NCDs, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, and mental health conditions.

Non-communicable diseases remain the leading cause of illness, disability, and premature death in Belize. Current estimates indicate that one in four Belizeans lives with hypertension and one in six with diabetes. Addressing this growing burden requires strong leadership, coordinated multi-sectoral action, and sustained investment.

The National NCD Committee will be tasked with overseeing the development and implementation of the National NCD Strategic Plan and advising the Ministry on NCD policies, legislation, and national priorities.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness calls on the public, communities, and partner organizations to join in the national effort to reduce NCDs, promote healthier lifestyles, and ensure equitable access to quality health services for all. The establishment of the National NCD Committee aligns with the United Nations Global Political Declaration on NCDs and the CARICOM Heads of Government 14-point Port-of-Spain Declaration: "Uniting to stop the epidemic of chronic NCDs" (2007), reaffirming Belize's commitment to regional and global NCD targets. (release)

Belize and the Republic of El Salvador Sign MoU

At the start of UN Tourism's 2nd Regional Conference on Women's Empowerment in Tourism (Latin America and the Caribbean) this past Monday, Belize and the Republic of El Salvador strengthened their tourism cooperation ties today with the signing of an MoU that promotes the joint development of the sector.

This strategic alliance, signed between the Ministry of Tourism, Youth, Sports, and Diaspora Relations and the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of El Salvador, reinforces the commitment of both countries to sustainable, safe tourism grounded in principles of equality, mutual benefit, and respect for the law.

This agreement opens new opportunities to enhance the exchange of best practices, cultural and language exchange, strengthen regional integration, encourage Diaspora travel between the countries, and continue positioning the region as a leader in innovation and responsible development.

TAX FREE DAYS ARE BACK
DECEMBER
6TH – 7TH AND 20TH –21ST
General Sales Tax (GST) will be waived on local retail sales of ALL standard-rated goods. You can purchase goods in shops and stores across the country without having to pay the 12.5% tax usually applied to most purchases.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation
For
Reef Resorts Limited
For the Cayo Del Sol – Tourism Development
(An Extension of Ramon's Village)
located at San Pedro, Ambergris Caye

The general public is hereby informed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for Reef Resorts Limited (for Cayo Del Sol Tourism Development), located on an island immediately Southwest of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District. While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary which provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before the DOE takes a final decision.

The general public is therefore advised that the EIA report will be available for public review, free of charge, from December 4th 2025, to January 10th, 2026 (Monday to Friday) during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

1. Leo Bradley Library, on Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City
2. Caye Caulker Library, Estrella Street, Caye Caulker Village
3. San Pedro Library, South end of Barrier Reef, Beachfront, San Pedro Town
4. DOE San Pedro Substation, Boca Del Rio Drive, San Pedro Town
5. The DOE's Office, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City

The EIA report is also available on the DOE's website at the link: https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpro&p=17100&preview=true. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before January 10, 2026, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz and link: https://forms.gle/EK87W3gNTZnAr6FRA.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public consultation for the EIA report will be held on December 18, 2025, commencing at 6:00 pm. The in-person consultation will be held at San Pedro High School, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, and an online link will be provided near the date for those participating virtually. The consultation will also be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The General Public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and/or provide input with regard to this proposed project.

3rd Annual Belize City Triathlon

Belize City showed up and showed out!

The 3rd Annual Belize City Triathlon, hosted by the Belize City Council in proud partnership with the Belize National Triathlon Association, the National Sports Council, and the Belize Coast Guard, brought together 60 passionate athletes who pushed their limits in the true spirit of endurance, unity, and sportsmanship.

Here's a recap of this year's top performers in the different categories:

Corporate: Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, Councillor Evan Thompson & Councillor Sherwin Garcia

Jr. Co-Ed: Christopher Encalada, Kelsi Castillo & Mark Mondesir; Amelia Coleman, Ahmaad Cherrington & Lissany Castillo; Tyrel Young, Chelsea Gillett & Lissany Castillo

Jr. Individual Men: Daylan Cruz; Devyn Major; Josiah Esquivel; Denzel Ferguson

Jr. Men Relay: Rhylie Dawson, Keith Enwright Jr & Jahroy Gladden

Co-Ed Relay Elite: Bobby D. Usher, Richard Santiago & Keemar Wagner; Jamie Lee Usher, Tyrin Tasher & Mirtha Welch;

Men Elite: Jordan Santos; Mauro Cucul; Kent "Bob" Gabourel; James Alford; Kian Trejo; Kenroy Gladden

Open Relay Elite: Mauro Cucul, Gregory Lovell & Christopher Broaster; Deon Cuz, Darien Anderson & Ardele Avila; Juan Carlos Dussan, Roque Matus & Jesus Contreras; Kian Trejo, Steven Jorgensen & Fred Usher; Yuua Katsumata, Kazuhiro Shiba & Koji Sakurai

Women Elite: Bobby D. Usher; Jane Usher;

Belize City brought the heat once again! See you next year—BIGGER, BOLDER & STRONGER! (BCC post)

Coconut
Training Session
35 farmers Benefit
Toledo Agriculture Station

On the 1st December 2025, CARDI in collaboration with the Minister of Agriculture hosted a, under the theme: "Building Capacity of the Coconut Sector in Belize by Increasing Coconut Field Production Resilience to Climate Change." The training was Organized by FAO and facilitated in collaboration with CARDI and MAFSE. Its focus was to strengthen the coconut industry in the district and identify the needs of farmers as production conditions continue to shift.

Participants also took part in a practical field session, including a visit to a nearby coconut farm. This initiative supports farmers in building the skills and knowledge needed to improve coconut production in a changing climate.(post)

Ministry of
Human Development, Family Support, and Gender Affairs
RIGHT NOW, SOMEONE IN BELIZE
IS HURTING IN SILENCE
Do not look away.
Do not stay silent.
Do not wait for someone else.
Speak up because lives depend on it.

MAFSNGI
Advanced Equipment Package Via Korea International Cooperation Agency

November 26 - The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries has received an advanced equipment package through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) -funded project, "The Enabling of Belize's Statistical System." Implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the initiative aims to modernize and strengthen Belize's capacities in agricultural data collection, field monitoring, and national reporting.

As part of the project activities, representatives from KOICA, FAO, and the Ministry conducted a field visit to observe firsthand the operational use of the donated technologies. The demonstrations showcased real-time data collection using CAPI (Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing) devices, drone-assisted crop surveying, and the processing of information using specialized analytical software. These tools collectively enable more accurate tracking of agricultural outputs, improved data management, and the timely generation of high-quality statistical information.

Following the field demonstrations, a formal handover ceremony was held to officially transfer a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) and a trailer—key additions to the wider equipment package, which includes drones, digital survey devices, and advanced data-processing software. The UTV and trailer will enhance field mobility, expand monitoring coverage into remote agricultural areas, and support real-time field data acquisition.

This investment directly supports Belize's efforts toward evidence-based agricultural planning, enhanced food security, strengthened rural livelihoods, and improved national reporting. By producing more accurate and timely agricultural statistics—including indicators relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—the Ministry will be better positioned to formulate strategic policy responses, anticipate sector challenges, and support farmers across the country.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries expresses its appreciation to KOICA and FAO for their continued partnership and acknowledges its technical teams for ensuring effective implementation. (release)

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: VEHICLE

Belize City, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following vehicle. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until this vehicle is sold.

1. Vehicle:

2009 Ford Escape

"FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE"

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World AIDS Day 2025 Ceremony & Health Fair

This morning, Mayor Bernard Wagner joined Hon. Dolores Balderamos-Garica, the National AIDS Commission and key health partners at the Belize Civic Center for the official World AIDS Day 2025 Ceremony & Health Fair.

Speaking under the theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response," Mayor Wagner delivered warm welcome remarks, honoring the courage of those living with HIV and reaffirming the Council's commitment to compassion, inclusion, and community partnership. He emphasized that meaningful progress happens when the government, civil society, and communities stand together.

We are proud to join the Ministry of Health & Wellness, the National AIDS Commission, and all partner organizations as we continue working toward a more informed, united, and stigma-free Belize.(BCC)

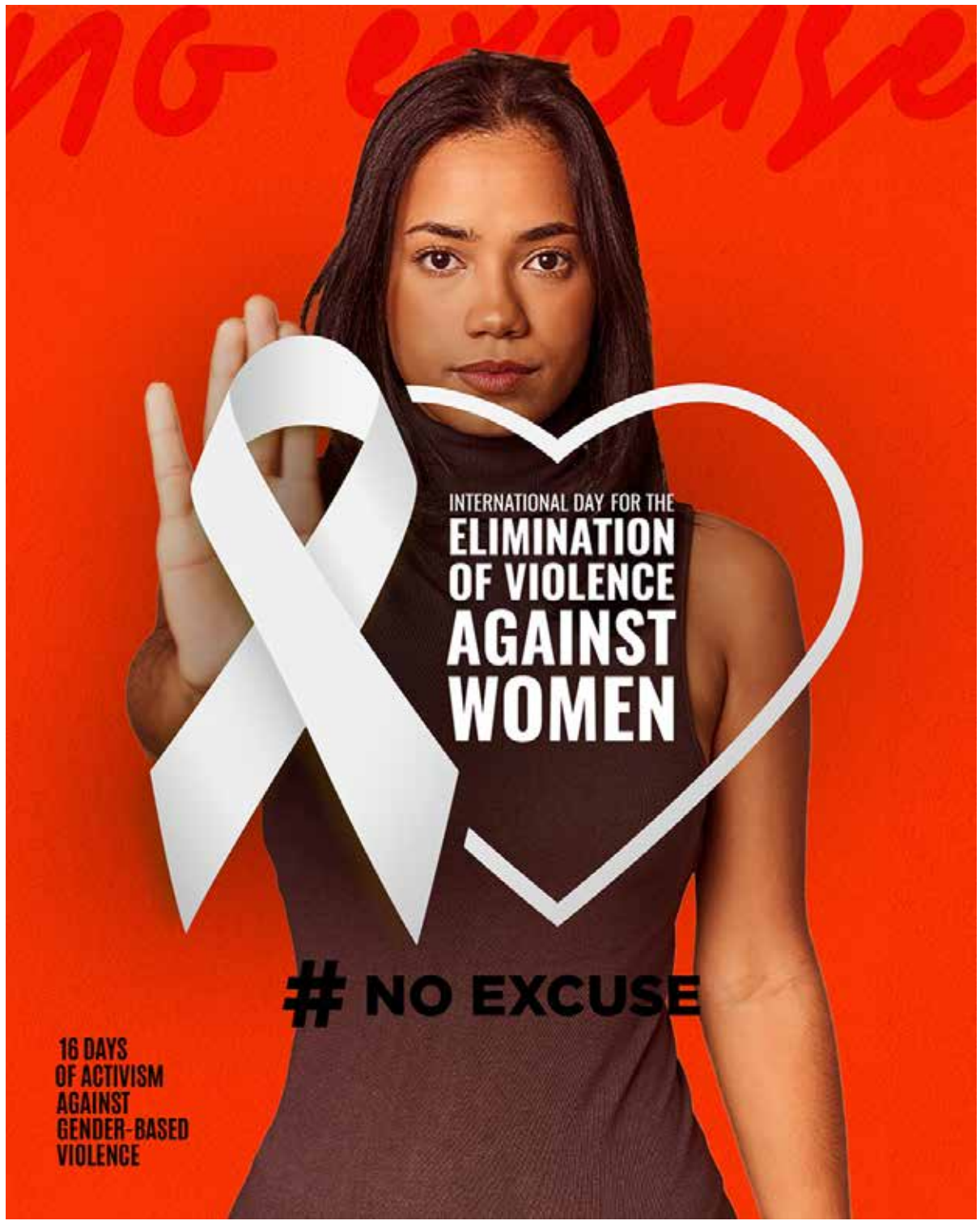
Special Envoy:

"World AIDS Day serves as a vital reminder of the ongoing fight against HIV / AIDS and we stand in solidarity with millions around the world living with and affected by this epidemic.

This year's theme "overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response", underscores that despite the disruptions we have faced, whether from economic difficulties, global pandemics, or social barriers, our dedication to eradicating AIDS must not waver.

The fight against HIV / AIDS is far from over, but transformation requires work from us all.

Through united efforts, we can advance prevention, ensure equitable access to treatment, and break down the barriers of stigma, moving closer to ending the HIV epidemic."


INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
NO EXCUSE
16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

FOR SALE
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

Parcel No. 213, Block 4, San Jose Palmar Registration Section, containing 1263.783 Square Yard (s) situate in the Orange Walk District, Belize, held under Land Certificate being the freehold interest of MIGUEL LUIS URBINA JR. AND SHANIDI ANGELI CHELL (JOINTLY).

Parcel No. 7027, Block No. 16, Ladyville/Lord's Bank Registration Section containing 535.342 Square Meters situate in the Los Lagos Area, Ladyville Village, Belize District held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of ERROL ALLAN CHATHAM AND LETA MOZETTA FLOWERS formally All that piece or parcel of land being Lot 321 containing 538.342 S.M. situate in the subdivision known as Los Lagos, along the Northern Highway near Mile 13, Belize District held under Deed of Conveyance dated 11th day of May, 2007 being the freehold interest of ERROL ALLAN CHATHAM and LETA MOZETTA FLOWERS.

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 1655 containing 905.549 square metres of lands situate in the Gutiview Area, Independence Village, Stann Creek District, Belize bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 1706 of 2022, Entry No. 19679 Registered No. 14 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant dated 15th day of December 2022 being the freehold interest of CINDY JOHANNA BONILLA.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

Ministry of Home Affairs *Police Department Training*

The Belize Police Department held a training workshop at Dream Valley Resort, bringing together all commanders to review the department's training strategy and highlight the importance of continuous professional development.

The workshop featured presentations and peer-to-peer discussions on physical fitness, mental resilience, and maintaining a steadfast commitment to national service.

Obituary

Simeon M Joseph Sr.

Sunrise: June 17 1933
Sunset: November 30 2025

Mr. Joseph was a past Mayor of Dangriga Town. The People's United Party, Party Leader John Briceño and the PUP family extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Simeon Joseph.

May he rest in peace and rise in eternal glory.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, CIVIL AVIATION & E-GOVERNANCE
DESIGN MODIFICATION CONSULTANT - CABEI-CS-003-2147/2025
BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)

December 5th, 2025

1. Background
The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective of contributing to improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts that seek to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security.
The BISP will allow for the improvement of infrastructure and the provision of equipment for the Belize Defence Force (BDF), Belize Police Department (BPD), Belize Coast Guard (BCG), and the National Forensic Sciences Service (NFSS). Infrastructure works will include new construction as well as refurbishment and improvement of existing buildings. Surveillance and monitoring, mobilization, and specialized technical equipment will also be supplied to these institutions.
The BISP is financed by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) through a loan facility with complementary input activities funded by the GOB. The Ministry of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance. (MET) is the executing body (EB) for the programme with policy direction and oversight provided by a program steering committee (PSC) comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Economic Transformation, the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, and the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security. Operational and administrative support for the BISP is being provided by a programme executing unit (PEU).

2. Purpose or Consultancy Objective

General Objective
The primary objective of this consultancy is to modify the existing architectural designs (construction documents) for the Orange Walk and Corozal Police Stations.

Develop detailed architectural plans for the construction of the Orange Walk and Corozal Police Station. These shall include all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, structural, and any other special installations. The design recommendation is to integrate Climate-change resilience features that apply to the specific site.

This Terms of Reference is for the recruitment of a qualified individual architect to undertake the consultancy for the development of the "DESIGN MODIFICATION FOR THE ORANGE WALK AND COROZAL POLICE STATION"

3. Main Activities/Scope of Works

3.1 Design Modification:

1. The design modification phase shall consist of the following:
- Conduct a soil test at both locations.
- Review existing drawings to determine the modification to the foundation and main structures design required.
- Provide structural design change recommendations made or confirm that the existing structural design is adequate for the specific location.
- Adjust drawings to suit new orientation and position within the designated location/area.
- The development of complete drawings with all the systems designed.
- Engineering drawings (3 hard copies and 1 digital). (Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, structural, and any other special installations). The design recommendation is to integrate climate change resilience features.
- Prepare Bill of Quantities. (A base document has been done)
- Prepare Specifications document. (A base document has been done)
- ESMP to be prepared (a base document has been done)
- The construction permits and PUC CBA approvals are required.

The final submission will consist of the complete set of construction drawings, including architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, specialized systems, detailed bill of quantities, specification documents, and a general work plan for the implementation phase of the construction. The approval of relevant authorities, such as the Public Utilities Commission and the Central Building Authority, is required for the implementation phase.

4. Expected Results/Deliverables

4.1 Expected Results
- Review of the conceptual designs for the police station, conduct soil tests, and make necessary adjustments to the structural design in compliance with ASTM Standards. Provide final construction drawings for the two sites.
- Develop the specifications manual, ESMP, work plan, detailed cost estimate, and maintenance manual for each building.
- Provide approved plans from the Central Building Authority and Public Utilities Commission.

4.2 Deliverables
The design space for the police stations is 3,457 square feet, including all external areas and amenities.

1. Deliverable 1(Document assessment): (two weeks after contract signing). The first stage of the consultancy will require the consultant to meet with the client to discuss design modifications, specifications, and complete the design from the existing drawings.
The design for the police station has been approved by the Police Department, and only the modification to the structural design will be required to meet the soil conditions for the new location. This stage of the consultancy will allow for proper dialogue with all the stakeholders to provide initial approval to advance to the next phase.

2. Deliverable 2: Preliminary Construction drawings with installation and structures modified (Four weeks after contract signing). Once the design has been approved, the Consultant will work on drawings in phases, which will be presented to the project coordinator and project engineer until final approval is given.

3. Deliverable 3 (Final Construction plans for CBA and PUC permits approvals) (Eight weeks after contract signing). The Consultant is responsible for acquiring all permits necessary for the construction phase.

4. Deliverable 4 (Final Contract Documents and approvals from CBA and PUC) (twelve weeks after contract signing). The Consultant will develop and provide a detailed cost estimate for the different implementation phases, construction specification manual, ESMP, a general work plan and the maintenance manual specific to this project and its building techniques.

4.3 Deliverable Phases
The Consultant's deliverables will be based on what is agreed in the Terms of Reference without prejudice against other deliverables and products that the consultant presents to meet the objectives and requirements of this contract. The assignment is to be completed within twelve weeks.

All deliverables must be written in English and must be presented in printed and digital formats (in PDF format and editable type MS Word, Adobe, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, AutoCAD or others).

The reports to be submitted must be submitted independently by the site location, to include:
1. Assessment of the existing design/construction documents after two weeks of the commencement of the consultancy.
2. Submission of preliminary design with modified structures to the client for approval before advancing to the next phase by the end of the fourth week.
3. Submission of final design to CBA and PUC for construction permits approvals, to be submitted by the end of the eighth week.
4. Submission of a bill of quantities and approved by CBA and PUC, and relevant documents, to be submitted by the end of the twelfth week after contract signing.
5. Consultant Profile
The consultant must have suitable, sufficient, and efficient resources so that the project objective is achieved without delays or deficiencies. The successful consultant must meet the qualifications listed below:

Architect or Engineer.
Minimum academic qualification: At least a bachelor's degree in architecture, Civil/Structural Engineering.
General professional experience: At least seven (7) years professional working experience in the design of similar buildings and complexity, or consultancy done (private dwelling houses, commercial buildings (public and private), government buildings, and schools with minimum values of $140,000.00 or 3000 square feet in size.
Specific professional experience: Prepared at least 3 architectural designs of similar buildings and complexity or consultancy done (private dwelling houses, commercial buildings (public and private), government buildings, and schools with minimum values of $140,000.00 or 3000 square feet in size.
6. Terms
The Design Modification Consultant will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020 / PRE-40/2021). The duration of the consultancy is twelve (12) weeks.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Executing Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz, copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz, design_modification.bisp@met.gov.bz during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Transformation's webpage, www.met.gov.bz, to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal webpage https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/. Further information can be received by calling the phone number: 828-6106

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Expressions of interest along with Resume and supporting documentation (Degrees, Certificates, etc.) must be sent via electronic mail (email) to projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to procurementofficerii.bisp@met.gov.bz or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026.

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

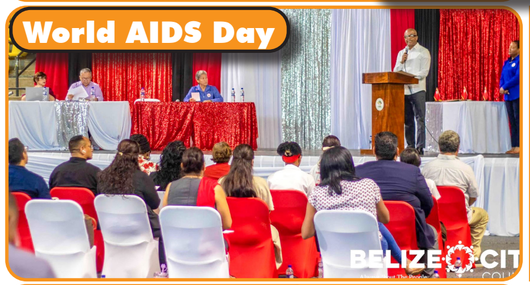
Ref: CABEI-CS-003-2147/2025

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!

Plan Belize 2.0
The Work Continues

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

City of Belmopan



World AIDS Day

Dangriga

Orange Walk

Corozal

Sandhill

PM's OW Central Philip Alvarez Park

Belize City Council

Christmas 2025 is Lit

OW Town Council, Central Park

Belize City Council

Hon. Oscar Mira, Belmopan

BCC Lights Overpass

San Narciso, Hon. Ramirez, Czl Southwest

Min. Kevin Bernard, Health & Wellness

Global Health and Welfare Forum in Taiwan

Min. Anthony Mahler, Tourism at UN's Women Empowerment

Sign a Tourism MoU with the Republic of El Salvador

Min. Rodwell Ferguson, Agriculture

Donation from FAO-KOIKA of UTV & Drones

Supporting the New Coconut Industry

Min. Espat, MIDH, Works all Over Belize

Repairing Bridge in Dolores, Toledo

Important 6ft culvert miles 56-57 Philip Goldson Highway

right on track

'Vamos Bien in 2025'

vamos bien

Public Notices

The following two public service announcements are annual and routine. Every year that causes a stir but they serve as reminders of the law.

Illegal Gaming Activity

Belmopan, December 2, 2025

The Government of Belize, via the Ministry responsible for Gaming, hereby notifies the public that operating a gaming business or gaming slot machine, casino table game, or conducting poker operations without a license is a serious, punishable offense as per the Gambling Prevention Act and the Gaming Control Act. The Ministry urges all current participants in these activities to immediately cease and desist from the continuation of their illegal activities. The public is strongly encouraged to contact the Ministry of Investment if there is any information on illegal gaming activities. (release)

Raffles

Belmopan, December 1st, 2025.

The Lotteries Committee hereby informs the general public that no person shall promote or conduct any lottery or raffle (any scheme for distribution of prizes by lot or chance), unless they obtain a licence or a letter of authorization for raffle in accordance with the Lotteries Control Act, Chapter 151 of the Laws of Belize. Every person who intends to promote or conduct any lottery or raffle, with a total accumulated value of prizes of $500.00 Belize dollars or more, shall apply in writing to the Lotteries Committee. All applications are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Lotteries Committee. All raffles sanctioned by the Lotteries Committee are assigned a reference number, and that number must be displayed on all tickets when being advertised. The Lotteries Committee has posted on its website the names of applicants who have been approved for a raffle licence and are authorised to host raffles. Any violation of the Lotteries Control Act and its regulations is an offence. Violators may be penalized on summary conviction in a court of law.

National Climate Governance

Introduction of the Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Bill 2025
"establishes the institutions and systems needed to plan, implement, coordinate, and track national climate action"

The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management marked an important milestone on November 20, 2025, when the House of Representatives completed the second and third readings of the Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Bill, 2025. This legislation represents a major step in reinforcing Belize's national climate governance system. It establishes the institutions and systems needed to plan, implement, coordinate, and track national climate action. It prioritizes strengthening governance, transparency, and national resilience systems that support Belize's climate commitments. It also establishes the legal foundation for future participation in carbon market mechanisms, with the operational details to be defined through subsequent regulations.

"It gives Belize, for the very first time, the legal and institutional foundation to govern our climate future with strength and with certainty."
Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Bill, 2025
Presentation to the House of Representatives.
20 November, 2025
Hon. Orlando Habet
MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Once enacted, the Bill will enhance national planning, improve access to climate finance, and support data-driven climate action. It offers important safeguards for communities and landholders who may engage in future climate-related activities and sets national rules that benefit youth, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and the private sector. As noted by Minister Orlando Habet, "This legislation provides Belize with the tools to protect its people and natural resources while positioning the country to take part in emerging climate and carbon market opportunities." (release)

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

WORLD BANK GROUP

BELIZE
BELIZE RELIANT AND RESILIENT ENERGY SYSTEM (BRRES) PROJECT
Energy & Extractives

Loan No.: IBRD-97670 and TF-C6899/Grant No.: TF-C6965
Project ID No.: P179520

The Government of Belize has received financing in the amount of US$58,400,000.00 equivalent from the World Bank to finance the Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this Project.

The Project has two (2) Components, of which Component 1 – Strengthening Energy Reliability and Resilience, focuses on bolstering the reliability and resilience of the energy system by deploying 40MW/160MWh of advanced battery energy storage systems (BESS), accompanied by necessary civil works. Additionally, this component seeks to strengthen the national electricity system through a comprehensive needs assessment to optimize national grid operations, a feasibility study for establishing an independent system operator, and the provision of specialized tools and training. These efforts will be supported by the implementation of findings from the grid study and feasibility study to ensure a robust and efficient energy infrastructure. The anticipated international contracts are:

i. Design, Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of 40MW/160MWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) including Associated Civil Works (Plant);
ii. Undertaking a Needs Assessment for Improving the Operation of the National Grid (Consulting Services);
iii. Undertaking a Feasibility Study on Establishing an Independent System Operator (Consulting Services);
iv. Provision and Installation of Equipment and Software for the National Grid's Power Systems Operations, along with Training in the Usage and Maintenance of the Equipment and Software (Information Systems);
v. Implementation of Recommendations Based on the Feasibility Study on Establishing an Independent System Operator (Information Systems);

Component 2 – Energy Sector Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building, and Project Management, is dedicated to institutional strengthening and capacity building within the energy sector. It supports institutional reforms through the execution of a cost-of-service study and the provision of tools and infrastructure to evaluate quality-of-service performance and validate capital expenditure performance. Furthermore, this component will assist local regulatory authorities in managing e-waste and addressing hazards associated with variable renewable energy, including fire risks. The anticipated international contracts are:

i. Undertaking a Cost of Electrical Service Study (Consulting Services)
ii. Provision of Tools for Evaluating Quality-of-Service Performance (Information Systems)
iii. Provision of Tools for Validating Capital Expenditure Performance (Information Systems)
iv. Consultancy Services for Strengthening E-Waste Management at the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority (Consulting Services);
v. Consultancy Services for Enhancing the National Fire Service Capacity in Handling Variable Renewable Energy Hazards and Fires (Consulting Services);

Procurement of contracts will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Sixth Edition - February 2025) (Procurement Regulations) and the procurement policies and best practices of the Government of Belize, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. The World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, on the World Bank's external website and the Government of Belize Procurement Portal at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/.

Prequalification/Initial Selection of suppliers and contractors will be required for the following contracts:

i. Design, Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of 40MW/160MWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) including Associated Civil Works (Plant);

Interested eligible firms and individuals who wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

Central Executing Unit,
Ministry of Finance
Procurement Specialist
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize
Tel: +501-822-4106
Email: procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz
Website: https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/

Resilient Bold Belize
WWF GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

Terms of Reference:
Project Communications Specialist

Background

As part of the Blue and Green Islands GEF8 Integrated program, the Resilient Bold Belize project aims to secure the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize´s marine and coastal ecosystems, promoting nature-based livelihoods and the wellbeing of Belizeans.

The Belize project will catalyze a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative, a major private-public partnership, led by the Blue Bond and Finance Permanent Unit within the Office of Prime Minister. The PFP will integrate the value of nature into the tourism and fisheries sectors, strengthen policy coherence, institutional capacity for gender inclusive conservation planning, and strengthen capacities for financial planning and domestic resource mobilization. The proposed PFP approach will foster impactful outcomes resulting in improved management coastal PAs, MPAs, plus mangrove and other coastal ecosystems outside of the formal PA system, and improvement of targeted communities' livelihoods.

A cornerstone of this project is partnership with Belize's coastal and fishing communities. These communities are at the frontlines of conservation and resource management, and their participation, knowledge, and stewardship are critical to the project's success. As such, communication and outreach efforts must go beyond awareness-raising and actively engage communities in shaping, owning, and sustaining conservation outcomes.

The Communications Specialist will therefore play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between technical conservation efforts, government priorities, and the lived realities of local stakeholders. By translating complex information into accessible messages, facilitating dialogue with fisherfolk and community leaders, and ensuring that community voices are reflected in national and global platforms, the Specialist will help strengthen trust, participation, and long-term sustainability of conservation initiatives in Belize.

Objective

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the Communication Specialist will aim to increase overall visibility of the project and its achievements and ensure communications on and around the project actions and impacts are disseminated on national and international levels. The engagement of a dedicated communication staff member will provide consistent, high-quality and effective products that can strengthen the project implementation in Belize and share best practices and key learnings with a wider audience through the BGI-IP Hub and Global Coordination Project. Strategic communications activities and knowledge management products may be used to facilitate future PFP and BGI-IP initiatives and will be shared broadly. The communications specialist will also play a key role in connecting with the larger Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program under the GEF, sharing communications products and collaborating on best practices.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Communications Specialist will be responsible for the following:

1. **Strategic Communication and Outreach:**
   - Develop and implement a project communication plan that raises awareness of the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, ensuring alignment with the BBFP Communication Strategy and Implementation plan, national priorities and community realities.
   - Produce and disseminate communication products (print, broadcast, audiovisual, and digital) tailored to diverse audiences including government, civil society, academia, donors, and local coastal/fishing communities.
   - Translate technical and policy information into clear, accessible messages that resonate with fisherfolk and other community stakeholders.
   - Develop a publicly accessible website hosted by BBFP U for the project, to showcase project documents, lessons learned and project successes.
2. **Community and Stakeholder Engagement:**
   - Lead communication and outreach activities with protected areas managers, ensuring the use of clear, culturally appropriate, and participatory approaches that support their role in conservation and stakeholder engagement using culturally appropriate and participatory approaches.
   - Organize and deliver presentations, workshops, and dialogues with fisherfolk, community leaders, and stakeholders to share project goals, progress, and opportunities.
   - Support executing partners (MPA and PA managers) in organizing regional/local stakeholder meetings and lead an annual national-level meeting to inform stakeholders, decision-makers, media, and the public on project progress.
   - Contribute to the organization of events planned as part of the project
3. **Media Relations and Social Media:**
   - Build and maintain strong relationships with media outlets to ensure accurate and consistent coverage of RBB project activities.
   - Plan and coordinate media events, press releases, radio programs, and campaigns that highlight project achievements and lessons learned.
   - Develop and manage the project's online presence, including website updates, social media posts, and engagement on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube; ensure the platforms are updated weekly.
4. **Knowledge Management and Documentation:**
   - Support in the development of the project's promotional material and publications.
   - Collect, document and produce lessons learned, good practices, and success stories for dissemination nationally, regionally, and globally.
   - Ensure the editing of project document (reports, presentations, etc.) and alignment with WWF GEF and Government of Belize Communications guidelines and branding.
   - Collaborate with the Monitoring, Evaluation & Knowledge Management Officer to capture and present project progress and lessons at national, regional, and international forums.
   - Maintain a photo/video database and ensure proper storage of communication materials for long-term use.
5. **Coordination and Technical Support:**
   - Collaborate closely with the Project Manager, BBFP Unit, partner agencies, and community organizations to ensure coherence in communication efforts.
   - Contribute to gender-sensitive and inclusive communication approaches in all project activities.
   - Provide communication support during community consultations, policy dialogues, technical meetings, and project events.
   - Be available to travel to coastal communities and participate in evening or weekend activities as required.
   - Be available to travel to Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program regional or global events
6. **4. Technical Delivery of Project Components:**
   - Component 3 will focus on Strengthened communications, coordination and knowledge management at national and global levels in alignment with the Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program.

Within this component, the project communications specialist will contribute to:

3.1.1. OUTPUT: Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed and implemented:

- Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed to include required project reports, communications products to be produced (such as videos, social media posts).
- Facilitation of communication efforts for project coordination among all stakeholders.

3.1.2 OUTPUT: Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management products and platforms, including.

- Communications materials designed and developed such as best practice manuals; case studies; technical reports and in coordination with the MEK officer, dissemination of knowledge materials in an accessible and gender-sensitive manner to relevant projects, programs, and initiatives.
- Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management Products.

3.1.3. OUTPUT: Participation in BGI IP Communications events and workshops

Staff remain in close communication with BGI IP and attend quarterly virtual calls with the IP.

Qualifications and Experience

Education:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, or related field.
- Certification or training in Sustainable Communication, Environmental Communication, or related specialization is an asset.

Professional Experience:

- At least five (5) years of proven experience in communications at the national and regional levels, including social media and online communications.
- Minimum of two (2) years of direct experience engaging Belizean coastal and fishing communities, with strong understanding of their socio-economic realities, cultural context, and environmental challenges.
- Experience in developing and delivering presentations and workshops, particularly with fisherfolk and grassroots community groups.
- Demonstrated experience in collecting and managing data and information from fisherfolk and local communities for knowledge management and reporting.
- Proven experience working with managing entities such as community-based organizations, NGOs, government agencies, or fisheries cooperatives in Belize's marine and coastal sector.

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong knowledge of Belize's community environment, governance structures, and the social context of coastal and fishing communities.
- Ability to translate technical and conservation concepts into clear, accessible communication products for diverse audiences (local communities, policymakers, donors, and international stakeholders).
- Demonstrated skills in media relations, audiovisual content creation (photography, videography), and use of digital platforms (social media, websites).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; Spanish is considered an asset
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and familiarity with multimedia and design tools (e.g., Adobe Creative Suite, video editing software).
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends, and willingness to travel extensively within Belize, regionally or internationally.

Personal Qualities:

- Strong interpersonal skills with proven ability to build trust and maintain relationships in multicultural and community settings.
- Creative, adaptable, solution-oriented, and committed to conservation and sustainable development.

Duty Station: Belize City

Payment Arrangements: The salary of the contract is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The estimated Starting Date and Duration: Start date will be effective at contract signature. Contracts are renewed biennially based on an assessment of performance. This position requires full-time commitment.

Interested persons can send an Application Letter and CV along with three references to email: RBBPM.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz or printed to the following address by **Friday, 12th December no later than 4:00 p.m.**

RBB Project Manager
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit
Office of the Prime Minister
3rd Floor, Eleanor Hall Building
Lake Independence Boulevard
Belize City
RE: Communications Specialist

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Those shortlisted will be invited to an interview with the Committee. Due diligence will be done to validate the information included in the CV and provided during interviews.

OPM – BELTRAIDE

BEEP Award Details

BZ$203,000 in Seed Capital to 29 MSMEs under Maturing Cohort 2

November 27, 2025. The Belize Enterprise Enhancement Program (BEEP) has approved grant funding for twenty-nine (29) Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) under its Maturing Cohort 2, following a competitive pitch evaluation process. Of these, twenty-one (21) are women-led businesses and eight (8) are men-led, with 45% of the recipients being from the rural areas, underscoring BEEP's commitment to inclusive economic growth all Belizeans.

Each MSME will receive BZ$7,000 in Seed Capital, for a total disbursement of BZ$203,000 under this cohort. The businesses span key sectors including agriculture and agro-processing, food and beverage, tourism and experiences, creative industries, wellness and beauty, and technology. These investments are expected to strengthen operations, expand production, and boost competitiveness in local and regional value chains.

With the completion of this stage, BEEP has now supported fifteen (15) exporting companies, forty-four maturing companies, and fourteen (14) start-ups. To date BEEP has now supported a total of 73 MSMEs and disbursed a total of funding of approximately BZ$783,000 in direct support to Belizean enterprises.

List of MSMEs – BEEP Maturing Cohort 2

Floriana Shol, Nim Li Ha' Butterfly Farm; Dioni Giancarlo Marin, Dioni Marin Photography; Carlos Waight, VANTAGE; Shelburne Humes, Krayzi Coffee; Kahlil Salazar, Toucan Industries Limited; Dawn Dean, Barranco Botanics; Owen Osman Palma, Owen's Greenhouse Escape; Emory Young & Danita Young, Woodart Deesigns; Amira Correa-Pelayo, Sangria Mia; Lucia Ellis, NUMASA Wellness Resource Center; Odalisa Alonzo, Oshanz Detox; Jason Rodriguez, Belcore IT Solutions; Tanisia Leslie , Belize Caribbean Tours Ltd.; Gomer Enriquez, Finca Aaktun; Nelsie Pantin & Veimer Chan, BioChar Eco Solutions; Abigail Vasquez, Blooming Ecofriendly Creations; Ronelli Requena, Zayvha Sarai Limited; Lorcia Moore, Naturally Belize Cosmetics; Iniki Zuniga , Aesthetics Marketing Solutions Limited; Serina Avila & Amelia Avila; Seemore Adventures; Indira Andrewin, COCOLOVE; Kenema Williams , Kenima's Garifuna Cooking Class; Torrie Tate, Kriyatula; Claudia Logan & Kenric Logan, Canopy Soil; Felix Esquivel, Ezequiel Esquivel & Moises Esquivel, Esquivel and Son's Honey Products; Lucien Dawson, Effortless Memories; Joshue Pech, Joshua The Wood Worker; Andrea Ack, Junajpu' Chocolate; Elida Choco, Ajaw Chocolate Ltd.

At the conclusion of the project in 2026, it is expected that a total of ninety-five (95) MSMEs will receive funding, bringing overall program support to approximately BZ$800,000. This continued investment reaffirms the Government of Belize's commitment to strengthening Belize's MSME ecosystem, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainable, inclusive economic growth. (release)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS
Equal Health for All
Flu protection starts with you!
The seasonal flu vaccine is now available countrywide.

Voice of the Common Man

16 DAYS AND BEYOND: THE ADVOCACY CONTINUES AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

By Hilly Bennett

Ban Ki-Moon, the former Secretary General of the United Nations is known as a champion for gender equality and the end to violence against women. He was quoted in 2009, saying "*Violence against women is an abomination" and "An attack is thus an attack on all of us, on the foundation of our civilization, it destroys the health and perpetuates poverty, it strikes against equality and empowerment, it contributes to the spread of HIV Aids and other diseases."*

During the tenure of Ban Ki-Moon as Secretary General of the United Nations, he made the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment a top priority. One of his calling was the need to end child marriages. This issue was brought to the forefront in Belize in 2023, at the 4th Children's Parliament. At the time a proposed bill addressing the issues of child marriage and early union in Belize was introduced during the Children's Parliamentary debate. Subsequently, the Marriage Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced and passed in Parliament disallowing persons under the age 18 to marry even if there is parental consent.

Recently, the Minister of Human Development, Families and Gender Affairs introduced two landmark bills which further

aimed at strengthening the immediate protection for survivors of domestic abuse in Belize. The Justice of the Peace (Amendment) Bill 2025 and the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 2025. The intent of these bills will empower Senior Justices of the Peace to issue emergency interim protection orders upon closure of the courts or when unavailable to ensure that the survivors can access safety when it is needed the most.

In her rising Minister Thea Garcia-Ramirez expressed "*The reform is not a replacement for the courts, but a life-saving bridge that can make a difference between danger and safety*." Additionally, the legislation will mandate that police stations make provision for safe spaces for victims seeking protection, which is another step aligned with Minister Thea's ongoing advocacy for dignity and confidentiality in the service provided to the survivors.

As the advocacy continues and the approach to December 10 ending the campaign there remains the urgency to bring to an end the violence against women. Since the launch, there has been a slew of activities across the country ranging from Education and Awareness Training programs countrywide to community outreach involving the Police and Social workers going house to house, providing information door to door. Currently, through the efforts of the National Women's Commission (NWC) there is an ongoing public consultation across the nation on the Domestic Violence Prohibition Bill in order to strengthen protection for survivors across Belize, building solutions together.

According to the Director of the National Women's Commission (NWC), Eleanor Murrillo, the Domestic Violence consultations are ongoing countrywide and "*We wanted to do a closing for International Human Rights Day.*" However, Honorable Thea Garcia-Ramirez insisted that after the 16 DAYS of ACTIVISM "*We have to make sure that we keep the ball rolling so that we can reduce the number of violence against women.*" *"Let us rise together. Let us act together. Let us prevent to protect ."*

Take 6 simple actions to
#KeepFluAway
Get your flu shot
Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose properly
Wash your hands
Stay home if feeling unwell
Avoid close contact with a sick person
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth
World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

PORT LOYOLA LAND CLINIC

OVER 300 RESIDENTS RECEIVE LAND DOCUMENTS

Wednesday and Thursday November 26th and 27th were historic days for Port Loyola as over three hundreds of residents made excellent use of the mobile land clini,c requested by the Hon. Gilroy Usher, Area Representative for the division, to become first-time lands owners or to receive leases, titles, permission to survey, purchase price, correction, prescription, or relocation documents many of which have been pending for months and years.

Coordinator for the clinic between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Area Representative / Minister of State for Public Utilities… Hon. Gilroy Usher was Troy Coleman.

Other key persons at the land clinic included Commissioner of Lands Talbert Brackett, who did his best to address the most challenging concerns of residents as well as Lorman Matute and Marion Mejia, who made every effort to process requested land documents expeditiously.

Sincere thanks Deputy

P.M. and Minister of Natural Resources Cordel Hyde and the entire staff of the Ministry for Organizing the land clinic, the residents of Port Loyola who attended the event, and Dr. Carla Cuellar Manager of YMCA for hosting the clinic.

The previous land clinic in Port Loyola was in 2023 at the request of Hon. Gilroy Usher Area Representative for the division.

MOeST Digitizing the OnBoarding Process for Teachers

December 1 - The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, in partnership with the Managing Authorities of Pre-primary and Primary Schools, convened a productive meeting to finalize discussions on the new **digitized onboarding process for teachers**.

During this session, both parties reviewed the improved system designed to streamline recruitment and employment, enhance transparency, and ensure greater efficiency in welcoming new educators into the profession.

This collaborative effort reflects our ongoing dedication to improving service delivery and supporting the growth of Belize's education sector. Together, we continue to build a future-ready system that better serves our teachers, schools, and students.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Port of Belize Limited invites:

Qualified and experienced consulting firms or individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of consultancy services.

Consultancy Services: *Review of Port Labor Force, Workforce Structure, Salary Scale and Job Classification.*

Submission deadline is on or before:

December 29, 2025

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Interested parties kindly contact the Procurement Department to request a copy of tender documents

Email: procurement@portofbelize.com

Tel: 223-2439 or 280-2439

Port of Belize Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PAHO-Ministry of Health and Wellness Field Epidemiology Training Program Celebrating Graduation of Third IntermediateCohort

November 28, 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization (PAHO/ WHO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) and the Executive Secretariat of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (SE- COMISCA), proudly announced the graduation of Belize's third Intermediate-level cohort of the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), marking a major milestone in strengthening the nation's capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats.

The FETP is a tiered professional training program designed to build progressively advanced epidemiological skills through a learning-by-doing approach. The Frontline (Basic), now called *Frontline One Health*, focuses on surveillance and outbreak detection. The intermediate program develops advanced analytical and leadership skills through modules on epidemiology, surveillance, laboratory quality, outbreak control, and scientific communication. The advanced level prepares epidemiologists for national leadership roles in emergency response and applied research. All levels are supported by strong mentorship.

Belize launched its first FETP pilot in 2010 with support from the Regional office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-CAP) in Guatemala and the University of North Carolina, which helped develop and adapt the basic-level curriculum later shared regionally. Following its success, the MoHW continued the program with support from partners, including PAHO and SE-COMISCA. Intermediate-level training was introduced in 2016, and since then, Belize has trained 23 professionals at the Intermediate level, 145 professionals at the Basic/Frontline level, and nine at the Advanced.

Program Highlights & Graduate Achievements:

Eleven health professionals completed the Intermediate training from May to November 2025, bringing the total to 33 graduates at this level.

Graduates presented field projects on Chickenpox, Dengue, Malaria, Leishmaniasis, HIV, Tuberculosis, Healthcare-Associated Infections, Measles, Chronic Kidney Disease, Suicide, and the HEARTS Clinical Pathway, showcasing practical, data-driven approaches to surveillance and outbreak response.

These professionals are now equipped to lead outbreak investigations, strengthen surveillance systems, mentor future trainees, and expand national epidemiological capacity.

Strengthened Emergency Preparedness & IHR Compliance

Belize continues to advance emergency preparedness and IHR compliance through its FETP, which builds a skilled workforce capable of detecting, investigating, and responding to public health threats.

Through its One Health–oriented FETP model, Belize brings together human, animal, and environmental health sectors, enhancing coordinated outbreak response and multisectoral collaboration. The program is driving progress in continuous monitoring, implementation of national action plans, and competency-based workforce training. Belize is also partnering with the Global Field Epidemiology Partnership (GFEP) and advancing toward TEPHINET accreditation, reflecting its commitment to a high-quality, regionally recognized applied epidemiology training platform that supports sustainable IHR capacities. (release)

United Nations

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Building Our Future Together

Driver, LSC-2, Belize City, Belize

JOB INFO

Job Identification	30065
Posting Date	11/23/2025, 09:20 AM
Apply Before	12/07/2025, 05:00 PM
Job Schedule	Full time
Locations	Belize, Belize
Grade	LSC-2
Vacancy Type	Local Service Contract
Rotational/ Non Rotational	Non-Rotational
Contract Duration	1 Year with Possibility for extension
Education & Work Experience	High School certificate
Required Languages	Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English
Desired Languages	Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English
Vacancy Timeline	2 Weeks

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Position:

The post of Driver is located in UNFPA Liaison Office, Belize and reports to the Liaison Officer, Belize.

How you can make a difference:

UNFPA is the lead United Nations agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is intended, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. The UNFPA Strategic Plan for 2026-2029 articulates the organization's response to a complex global environment, providing a road map for resilience and renewal. It is designed to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This mandate is pursued through a focus on four interconnected outcomes: ending the unmet need for family planning; ending preventable maternal deaths; ending gender based violence and harmful practices; and adapting to demographic change through evidence and rights- based policies. In a world where fundmental human rights are at risk, we need principled and ethical staff, who embody these international norms and standards and who will defend them courageously and with full conviction.

UNFPA is seeking candidates who tranform, inspire, and deliver high-impact and sustained results andensure effective external relations, communications, and partnership-building and resource mobilization in a rapidly changing development and funding landscape. We need staff who are transparent, exceptional in how they mannage theresources entrusted to them, and who commit to delivering excellence in programme results.

Job Purpose:

The Driver provides reliable and safe driving services to the Director, Deputy Director and other high-ranking UN officials and visitors, ensuring the highest standards of discretion and integrity, sense of responsibility, and excellent knowledge of protocol and security issues. The Driver also demonstrates a client-oriented approach, courtesy, confidentiality, tact and ability to work with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

You would be responsible for:

- Drives for UNFPA officials and staff. Ensures provision of reliable and safe driving services by a) driving office vehicles for the transport of UNFPA staff, officials and visitors and b) meeting official personnel and visitors at the airport including assisting with visa and customs formalities arrangement when required.
- Ensures cost-savings through proper use of assigned vehicle through accurate maintenance of daily vehicle logs, provision of inputs to preparation of the vehicle maintenance plans and reports.
- Ensures proper day-to-day maintenance of the assigned vehicle through minor repairs, arrangements for major repairs, timely changes of oil, check of tires, brakes and water levels, car washing, etc so that the vehicle is always kept clean and in good running condition.
- Ensures availability of all the required documents/ supplies including vehicle insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle logs, office directory, map of the city/ country, first aid kit, and necessary spare parts for the assigned vehicle.
- Ensures that the steps required by rules and regulations are taken, in case of involvement in an accident.
- Provides timely and effective office assistant support, including but not limited to (a) Receives and assists visitors to office, (b) Answers telephone, directs calls and responds to routine inquiries (c) Delivery and collection of mail, documents and other items, (d) Dispatches outgoing communication and Logs and routes all incoming correspondence and documents, (e) Assists in the mailing and distribution of newsletters and publications, (f) Assists office staff in filing, photo copying and maintaining stores, when required.
- Performs administrative duties to support the operational efficiency and functioning of the office (e.g. AODocs, and othersystem functions)
- Provides communications support and backstopping in collaboration with the programme and operations team, particularly the Communications Officer/ Focal Points
- Makes logistical arrangements/provides support for internal and external meetings, workshops, and special events.
- Supports staff in emergency and humanitarian related activities and response.
- Performs other duties, as required

QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE:

Education:

Completed High School Education.

Knowledge and Experience:

- Valid driver's license and safe driving record
- Minimum of two years' work experience as a driver
- Work experience as a driver in an international organisation, embassy or UN system is an advantage
- Knowledge of driving rules andregulations, local roads and conditions
- Skill in minor vehicle repairs
- Basic clerical skills are required

Languages:

Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English. Spanish language is an advantage

UNFPA Work Environment:

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Port of Belize Limited invites the following:
Sealed bids for the supply of ***(1) lattice boom crane***
to support operations

All bids must be sealed, clearly marked
"tender-lattice boom crane"
submitted on or before:
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Tender documents are available from the Procurement Department
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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

EIGHTH ROAD PROJECT

(GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY: BELIZE CITY TO HATTIEVILLE) - BELIZE

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US$34,542,000 towards the cost of the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under contracts procured under this project. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The following consultancy assignments will be procured under the Project:

(a) Provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Intervention
(b) Provision of Advanced First Responder Training
(c) Environmental Safeguards and Health and Safety Specialist
(d) Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

It is expected that these will be procured during the period January 2026 to December 2026.

The following goods and works will be procured under the Project:

(a) Upgrading of a 24km section of the George Price Highway from Belize City to Hattieville

It is expected that these works will be procured during the fourth quarter of 2025.

Contractors from eligible countries will be eligible to participate in these procurement opportunities. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing (Project Execution Unit) is the Executing Agency for the Project. Further details of the Project can be obtained by contacting the address below.

Mr. Evondale Moody
Chief Engineer / Project Coordinator - Project Execution Unit
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
Power Lane
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BELIZE, C.A.

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MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

EIGHTH ROAD PROJECT (GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY: BELIZE CITY TO HATTIEVILLE)

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), towards the cost of the ***Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville),*** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Project Accounts for the purpose of any payments to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payments or imports, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

This Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, Project Execution Unit (PEU). A Project Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants will be retained by the MIDH to assist with the supervision of the contracts.

Construction is expected to start in the first quarter of 2026. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

Consideration will be given to local and international firms or joint ventures of firms, who have qualified extensive experience in road construction of a similar size and complexity.

The scope of works will include:

- Replacement of the existing Burdon Canal Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour-protection works at abutments.
- Replacement of the existing Hector Creek Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour-protection works at abutments.
- Rehabilitation and upgrading of the roadway, including construction of a 7.2 m-wide carriageway with 2 m-wide hard shoulders on both sides, including a 250 mm-thick sub-base course, 200 mm-thick base course, and 50 mm-thick concrete wearing course, along with construction of concrete sidewalks.
- Construction of 16 formalized bus stops with shelters and pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Installation and rehabilitation of culverts and associated drainage infrastructure, including slope protection.
- Provision and installation of road safety furniture (guardrails, road studs, line marking and signage)
- Provision and installation of solar / LED roadway lighting.

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

(a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in, an Eligible Country;
(b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
(c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors, sub-suppliers or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible Countries are member countries of CDB.
Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

	Description of criteria	**Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)**
a.	an average annual turnover of at least the United States Dollars (US$) equivalent shown (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last six (6) years;	10.0 M
b.	demonstrable capacity to have a cash flow of at least the US$ equivalent shown (including access to credit); and	3.0 M
c.	experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (02) assignments of a similar nature and complexity to the proposed project activity within the last ten years with at least the US$ equivalent value shown (*to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete)*. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section VII, Scope of Works, which includes experience in the earthworks operations particularly in greenfield alignments, construction of embankments on soft soils, reinforced concrete works, box culverts, prestressed concrete girder bridges, HMAC pavement and the construction of roundabouts.	15.0 M

Effective **Monday, December 1, 2025,** interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the PEU office at the first address below, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm Belize time. A complete hardcopy set of the bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by submitting a written request or email to the first address below. The request must clearly state "***Request for Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)***. The hardcopy documents are available for a non-refundable fee of **US$1,000.00.** Potential bidders who request that hardcopy documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a local courier agent, which accepts freight collect charges. The MIDH will promptly dispatch the documents but under no circumstances will the Ministry be responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

A Pre-Bid meeting shall take place on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 9:00am Belize time.** Bidders shall congregate at Central American Boulevard/George Price Highway roundabout. A site visit shall take place immediately thereafter, proceeding along the George Price Highway all the way to Hattieville Village.

Bidding Documents must be in English and must be submitted by 10:00 am, Belize time on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026.**

There are two options for submitting the bidding documents. These are:

(a) By simultaneous electronic submission, in PDF format, to the email addresses indicated in the first and second addresses below. The "Subject" field of the email message must read **"Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)."** The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by PEU. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the bidder and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder's computer; or

(b) By submission of one original and two hard copies, by hand or by registered mail, in a sealed envelope to the first address below, with simultaneous electronic submission as at (a) above to the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the bidder and be clearly marked **"Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)".**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of $200,000.00 Belize Dollars. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late submissions or to cancel the bidding process. GOBZ will not be bound to assign any reason for cancelling the bidding process and will not defray costs incurred by bidders in the preparation and submission of the bidding documents. Late bids will be rejected.

1. **Attention: Mr. Evondale Moody**
   Chief Engineer / Project Coordinator - PEU
   Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
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   BELIZE, C. A

   Tel: +501-828-5221
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2. **Procurement Officer**
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   St. Michael
   BARBADOS, W. I

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Cherry May Galvez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"C & B Snack Shop"** located in Sand Hill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Margaret E. Dawson** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Say It"** located in Sand Hill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guanning Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sky City Supermarket"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Fu Xu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lake City"** located in Crooked Tree Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Da Cheng Li** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"U Mall Shop"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kim Wai Chee** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Brad's Store"** located at # 2 Farmer's Market, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lining Wu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sky Restaurant"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guanning Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"North Gas Station"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaowen Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jayden Zhang Store"** located in Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Michael J. Heusner** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Belize River Lodge"** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan Lopez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Quiche Shop"** located at # 25 Water Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui Chan Ou** applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Secret Garden Restaurant & Bar"** located at # 5 Cork Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Derk A. Milne/Jennifer L. Anken** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mayan Wells Jungle Lodge Ltd."** located on Altun Ha Road, Rock Stone Pond Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Karla F.J. Tum** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tikal Shop"** located at # 4 Vernon Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aisha Young** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"A & A Grocery"** located at # 6 Queen Charlotte Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Neria Pickwoad** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nerie's/Bodega Lounge"** located at Cor. Queen/Daly Streets, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aura M. Guillen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Aura Grocery Shop"** located on Green Street, Belama Ph. IV., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Craig Hayes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Turneffe Flats"** located on Turneffe Island, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Premier Duty Free Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Premier Duty Free Ltd."** located at # 8 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Victor L. Bryant & Co. Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"Victor L. Bryant & Co. Ltd."** located at Res Lake Independence, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Premier Duty Free Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Premier Duty Free Ltd."** located at P.G.I.A., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kalis Habet** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"H Squared Investments Limited"** located at P.G.I.A., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Esther J. Hegar** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sun Garden Restaurant & Bar"** located at P.G.I.A., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yvette V. Young** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nana's Cool Spot"** located in Gracie Rock Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Veronica Quetzal** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Acuario"** located at # 33 San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Javier Chata** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chata's Cool Spot"** located at # 2 San Andres Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Punit Amarnani** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"V2U Shopping Center"** located at # 92 Cinderella Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Blanca Ordaz** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tipsy Lounge & Pub"** located on Tate Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Corina Zepeda** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Copa Cabana"** located at # 148 Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Karina Manzanero** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Neeya's Backyard Restaurant & Bar"** located at # 1 Santa Clara Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mohammad A. Kalam** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Surma Store"** located at # 16 San Lorenzo Housing Site, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Antonio & Morine Ayuso** are applying for a **Malt &bC Liquor License** to be operated at **"Victor's"** located in Petville Area, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xin Hui Chen** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Oriental Mascot Restaurant"** located at # 44 Main Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mireya Gongora** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"The People's Store"** located on Tate Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lisbeth Carolina** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Catt's (Sirenita)"** located on Lover's Lane, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hilton Crawford** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Enramada"** located at # 5 Gristock Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Nisha Pelayo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lamanai Riverside Retreat"** located at Lamanai Alley, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hivan D. Cuello** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rustic Roof"** located on Juventus Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dario W. Uh** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"MD's Mini Shop"** located in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosa A. Chan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cevicheria El Rustico"** located in San Roman Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rennie L. Chan Jovel** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Daily Dose Pizzeria"** located in San Roman Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jovian F. Urbina** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"4 J's Resort"** located in San Familia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elfride L. Lopez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cocogardens"** located at # 50/51 Victoria Peak St., Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jecy L. Parwani** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Pikadilly Night Club"** located at # 35 Churchill St., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alexander Lopez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"El Dorado's Fast Food"** located on Riverside St., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Xiong Feng** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fu Cheng Restaurant"** located at # 110 Benque Viejo Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Irma Garbutt/Cecil Garbutt** are applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"CK Sports Bar & Restaurant"** located on Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shih-Wei Hsu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Simple Life"** located at # 2323 Hummingbird Hwy., City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Blanca R. Murillo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Allen Shop"** located in Armenia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiomara V. Guerrero De Fuentes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chillo's Cool Spot"** located in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **BaoQuan Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Bao Quan's Shop And Fast Food"** located at # 22 Lovely Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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